

to achieve the Caribbean Single Market and Economy."

Interestingly enough, Dr. Harris said that technological development was making it easier to store and gain easier access to the papers than ever before and that should be an attraction to the donors and the users of such documents.

"Now that we can digitize material, which is what Mr. Seaga is doing with his papers, digitizing hundreds of thousands of pages, it is going to make it so easily accessible and acceptable to scholars in years and decades to come," was the way he put it. "Just plain folks who are interested throughout the region would be able to come in and examine them and learn about how decisions were made and positions taken. We have methods already that can readily assemble and store masses of information in ways that would be able to access easily." The UWI is celebrating its 60th anniversary and many of honorees who received awards on evening were hailed for their work in the Caribbean or the United States. "It was a very highly successful event," Dr. Harris said. "The American Foundation of the University for the West Indies plays a vital role in our University's continuing expansion."

Sir George Alleyne, UWI Chancellor, described the gala as a "special event" one that was particularly true as "our university celebrates" an important milestone in its history. "In a young institution like ours we must mark this early milestone and use them not only to review what we have done, but to see what else we may do and how much we can do better when we are doing."

During the gala awards were presented to Denis O'Brien, founder of Digicel; Dr. John Agard, senior lecturer in the UWI's faculty of science and agriculture at St. Augustine; Prof. Anthony Chen, professor of applied physics at Mona; Dr. Leonard Nurse, a senior lecturer in the Center for Resource Management and Environmental Studies at Cave Hill; Kenneth DeGhetto, a former member of the Foundation's Board of Trustees; Reggie Canal, first vice president of Caribbean Heritage Banking at HSBC; Raymond Goulbourne, BET's Executive Vice President; Noel Hankin, Senior Vice President of Multi-Cultural Relations at Moët Hennessy USA; Roy Hastick, founder and chief executive officer of the Caribbean American Chamber of Commerce and Industry in Brooklyn; Marc Morial, a former Mayor of New Orleans who is the President of the National Urban League; Colbert Narcisse, chief administrative officer of Global Investment Bank and the chief operating officer of the Americas Investment Bank at Merrill Lynch; Paul Altman, Managing Director of Altman Real Estate, the Caribbean's leading real estate company; Winston Bayley, UWI's chief financial officer; Dr. Rollin Bertrand, CEO of the TCL Group; Stephen Cozier, Managing Director of ScotiaBank's Eastern Caribbean operations; Vincent Hosang, founder of Caribbean Food Delights and Royal Caribbean Bakery; and Minna Israel, Managing Director for RBTT Bank Jamaica Limited.

Harry Belafonte, world famous entertainer and civil rights activist, was also honored. Susan Taylor of Essence Magazine accepted the award for him in his absence. Brenda Blackmon of WWOR-TV, My 9; and Maurice Dubois of WCBS-TV were the gala's hosts. The Rt. Rev. E. Don Taylor, Episcopal Vicar Bishop of New York City delivered the invocation.

"We salute the immense contributions of our luminaries and other awardees," said Karl Rodney, New York Carib News publisher, chairman of the dinner committee. Michael Flanagan, the Foundation's Chairman, said that the event and the Foundation continue to "focus on supporting the Univer-

sity so that the institution can continue to expand and meet demands and remain relevant to the societies it serves."

HONORING THE 25TH ANNIVERSARY OF EBONY EXPRESSIONS CULTURAL AWARENESS PROJECT

HON. TAMMY BALDWIN

OF WISCONSIN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 26, 2008

Ms. BALDWIN. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the 25th anniversary of Ebony Expressions Cultural Awareness Project in Madison, WI. Each year, Ebony Expressions auditions and selects students from Madison area high schools to take part in a program that uses music, dance, drama, and spoken word to deliver a positive and thought-provoking message about the African American experience. Over the years, the performances have left a profound and lasting impression on audiences throughout our great State. Founded in 1982 under the direction of Ed Holmes, Ebony Expressions has fulfilled its mission to educate all people on the richness of the African American culture and community.

Although February represents African American History Month, Ebony Expressions reminds us to recognize and value the cultural contributions of African Americans all year round. Since the time our Nation was just an idea, African Americans have been instrumental in creating and fortifying American culture through contributions in music, dance, and performing arts.

In addition to highlighting cultural contributions of African Americans, Ebony Expressions also addresses important social and political issues affecting the African American community today. The young performers initiate an important public dialogue while transcending damaging stereotypes. Too often, our young people of color are not given the chance to express themselves in a positive light. Ebony Expressions gives students the opportunities they deserve to articulate their beauty and intellect and turn a debilitating label of "at-risk to fail" into a success story of "at-risk to succeed and become leaders." Thanks to the tremendous work of Mr. Holmes and others in the Madison area, we can and will achieve something better.

To honor Ebony Expressions' 25-year legacy of dedicated service to our community, past and present performers will gather this week to present a special program titled "The Best of Ebony" to celebrate the most memorable performances over the last two-and-a-half decades.

I would like to congratulate Ebony Expressions on this magnificent milestone and I wish everyone involved 25 more years of continued success.

IN SUPPORT OF MRS. LEAH GALANTE SCHAD

HON. ALCEE L. HASTINGS

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 26, 2008

Mr. HASTINGS of Florida. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the memory and life of

Mrs. Leah Galante Schad, a woman who devoted over 40 years of her life to protecting Florida's Everglades and a driving force in the American environmental movement. Her contributions helped bring about a new era in our country in which organizers, activists, and politicians worked together to implement courses of action that would improve our environment and our lives. After her recent passing, I am moved to reflect on her accomplishments and legacy as we strive to enact environmental policies for our districts, States, and Nation.

A native of Kentucky, Leah Schad became active in Florida's environmental movement shortly after she moved to the State in 1961. In the following decades, Mrs. Schad would become renowned for her fierce determination and uncompromising will to improve Florida's Everglades and wildlife, earning her the title of "The Grand Dame of Environmentalism." Realize, this title was not given to Mrs. Schad arbitrarily. As a board member of the National Audubon Society and the South Florida Water Management District, chairwoman of the Florida Audubon Society, and president and treasurer of the Audubon Society of the Everglades, Leah Schad had the audacity to successfully challenge decades of environmental mismanagement and to lead the effort to leave the earth in better shape than when we got it.

Without doubt, Mrs. Schad's passion and persistence inspired communities, organizations, and elected officials to engage in efforts to preserve and improve our environment. She received numerous awards for her decades of service including: the Florida Audubon Society's Chapter President of the Year Award in 1979, the Women's Chamber of Commerce of the Palm Beaches Award in 1997, and the American Diabetes Society Valor Award in 2002. However, those who knew and admired Mrs. Schad understood that she worked in pursuit of a greater reward.

Mrs. Schad fought for environmental protection and restoration in Florida despite the people and institutions that threatened her mission and the cancer that threatened her life. Although we in Congress have made enormous environmental progress, our battle is far from over. Leah Galante Schad's struggles and successes remind us that we must confront adversity to ensure that we achieve our goal of comprehensive environmental restoration and protection.

Madam Speaker, in 1907 President Theodore Roosevelt told Congress, "The conservation of our natural resources and their proper use constitute the fundamental problem which underlies almost every other problem of our national life." As we reflect on the life and legacy of Mrs. Leah Galante Schad, we must enhance our efforts to restore the Everglades and other national treasures to their natural state. I urge my colleagues to continue the work of Leah Galante Schad, and other pioneers who fought to ensure that our Nation's unique habitats and wildlife are preserved for the enjoyment of the present generation and for generations to come.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. ROBERT E. ANDREWS

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, February 26, 2008

Mr. ANDREWS. Madam Speaker, I was unavoidably detained on matters affecting my